

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the public

1. Thanks were extended to Cllrs Crocker and Cllr Foster's sons for erecting the Christmas tree. Following complaints about the inadequate lighting, Cllrs Crocker and Wood would purchase more lights up to £250
2. An eviction was planned next month for the unauthorised caravan in the field to the south of Fairview House, Diptford. More evidence was required to progress any enforcement at Little Curtisknowle Barn

**DCC Cllr Vint** had submitted a report on the Community Self Help and the Road Warden Scheme and encouraged Parish Councils to register. It was noted that the outcome of Diptford's TAP application was awaited; if successful, a pilot project would be undertaken for one year to evaluate effectiveness.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Peach & Wood

**15.001 Apologies for absence** were accepted from DCC Cllr Vint & SHDC Cllr Steer

**15.002 Declarations of interest** were noted from Cllr Crocker: Item 15.004.1 (Personal)

**15.003 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 16.12.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as amended**

### 15.004 Planning Applications

1. Readvertisement (Revised plans received showing reduction and reconfiguration of panel coverage): Installation of ground-mounted solar arrays (total site area 94,000m<sup>2</sup>); estimated output 5 megawatts and associated infrastructure, cable route and Distribution Network Operator substation at Land SX769 596, Lower Blakemore Farm, Totnes Ref 23/2373/14/F New Energy for the World GmbH **Strongly object.**

**Cumulative visual impact of solar farms; negative impact on users of the public right of way; Industrialisation of the countryside; inappropriate use of good quality farmland.**

*Cllr Crocker left the meeting during the item*

2. Application for erection of 1no. wind turbine (estimated output 0.1 megawatts) with 36.9 metre hub height, 49.9 metre tip height, and associated infrastructure at Land at SX7664 5694 Foales Leigh Farm, Harberton Ref 23/0041/15/F **Object. Adverse visual impact**

3. Erection of agricultural livestock and storage building at Field at SX734 564 Holsome Park, Diptford Ref 17/0096/15/F GT & LA Lethbridge **No objection**

### Planning Decisions - Noted

4. Lean-to extension to an existing agricultural building at SX 7463 5824 Diptford Downs Ref 17/2540/14/F **Conditional Permission**

5. Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to residential dwelling (use class C3) and for associated operational development at Agricultural building at SX7526 5261 Moreleigh Ref 17/2810/14/AGDPA **Refuse**

**15.005 P3, footpaths & highways** – The Clerk would complain about persistent flooding between Kerswell Cross and Shorter Cross

### 15.006 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £7512.98; Acc 00196602 £135.44 The half pipe would be dismantled

### 15.007 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0667	S Woodman – Dec pay		165.21
0668	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £28.35		66.35

#### 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.12.14	5947.98
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	423.99
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	5523.99
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	5536.38

#### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds £4502.09

**Finance Correspondence**

3. SHDC: Tax base for 2015/16 242.18. Council Tax (Band D Equivalent) 2015/16 £23.95
4. DALC: S137 limit 2015/16 £7.36 per elector. Diptford total £3267.84

**15.008 Correspondence received**

1. SHDC: Super Cluster Meeting, 6.30pm Wednesday 11 February – Cllr Foster would attend. An agenda item would be requested on detailed proposals for the Community Road Warden tasks and responsibilities
2. Housing Conference, Dartington Hall 6-7 February – No one would attend
3. Devon Association for Renewable Energy: Rural Community Energy Fund - Noted
4. DALC: Garden Party 28.5.2015 - Nomination discussed

**15.009 Reports on Meetings Attended**

Cllr Crocker attended the Western Power Workshop. Western Power aimed to raise its profile and announced its Business Plan for 2015-23. Savings of £260m were proposed, which would reduce household bills from £109 to £95 next year. A 13% reduction in power cuts and 20% improvement in repairs was programmed. Network intelligence would be improved, with more monitoring of sub stations and a roll-out of smart meters from 2016.

**15.010 Correspondence available at the Meeting**

1. South Hams Society Bulletin, December 2014
2. Healthwatch Voices, Winter 2015
3. Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2015

*Meeting ended 8.45pm*

*Date of next Meeting 17.2.15, starting at 7pm with the Diptford Amenity Trust AGM*